

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION - ORIGINAL FOLLOWS

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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff on a memorandum by the Chief of Naval Operations for the ops Dept Meeting, Tuesday, 10 March 1959,
Agenda Item No. 3.

J.C.S. 1507/174

Subject: Statement of Policy on Berlin and Germany (C)

Background - At the meeting of the JCS, 6 Mar 1959, it was agreed that the CNO would submit ideas for a revised and positive statement of policy by the U.S. on Berlin and Germany.

- Quadripartite contingency planning with respect to the Berlin and German situation has been conducted between the Governments of the US, UK, France and FRG since 11 Dec 51 to the current date. Each Government has repeatedly agreed to and expressed an allied policy for reunification of Germany and satisfactory European security arrangements.

- A Four Power Working Group on German Reunification and European Security is currently meeting in Paris. The purpose of the working group is to examine proposals for a western position to be taken at a possible forth coming conference with the USSR.

Current Issue - The CNO proposes a memo for the Sec Def that would provide a statement to be forwarded to the Sec. State to be the operative paragraph for presentation of the revised policy to the Soviet Union. In essence the proposed revised policy is: The U.S. serves notice on the Soviet Union that if it implements the turn over the U.S. will consider that all agreements with the Soviet Union regarding Germany will have been abrogated and will immediately recognize the Federal Republic of Germany as the legal and sole government of all Germany. The U.S. will then undertake to see to it there is no Soviet interference in any way with those functions or acts which the FRG considers to be within its sovereign competency.

Service Comments - The Army is expected to oppose the CNO paper. The Air Force is expected to support the paper however, they believe it should be examined in conjunction with any western position for a conference with the USSR, the Marine Corps is expected to support the paper as written.

Comments and Recommendations - The CNO's recommendation for a change in policy contains both military and political implications and should be studied in conjunction with other proposals for settlement of the Berlin German situation. The International Policy Branch, J- recommends that the Chairman refer the CNO's proposal to the JSSC, (the Chairman a representative to the Defense Steering Group for the purpose of coordinating DOD preparation for a possible Summit Meeting.), for study in conjunction with other proposals for a Western Position.

Opinion as to Recommendations:

Director, J-5 _____ (Concure) (Non-concure)

Director, Joint Staff _____ (Concure) (Non-concure)

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